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All Aboard! **Railtown 1897 Offers Train Rides Behind** **Sierra No. 3 All Labor Day Weekend** *August 31 through Monday, September 2*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – To celebrate the upcoming holiday in rail-related style, popular train rides behind the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 are available all three days of the Labor Day holiday weekend -- August 31 through September 2 – at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown. As a special treat, local musicians will entertain guests while aboard the trains, including bluegrass guitarist Bill Schneiderman on Saturday and Dave Rainwater on Sunday and Monday.

Tapping into America’s love affair with trains and westerns, the iconic Sierra No. 3 became known as the “Movie Star Locomotive” after starring in more than 100 Hollywood movies and television productions alongside world-famous celebrities beginning in the early 1900s. In addition to its impressive Hollywood film credentials, Sierra No. 3 is one of the oldest operating steam locomotives in the United States and Railtown 1897 SHP in Jamestown is home to one of just two remaining, fully intact and still functioning steam-era shortline railroad roundhouse complexes in the United States.

Steam-powered excursion train rides depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, delighting visitors from near and far during a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country. Visitors to Railtown 1897 SHP are also encouraged to bring picnic items to enjoy on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn.

Tickets for train rides behind Sierra No. 3 during the holiday weekend are \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are now available for advance purchase online as well as at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability). For more information, call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 10 through August 28, 2013 (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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